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SUBJECT: TURKISH PRESS REACTION: VIENNA TALKS AND LUNS VISIT

1. THE TURKISH PRESS MONDAY (APRIL 28) GAVE HEAVY PLAY TO THE OPENING OF THE CYPRIOT INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS IN VIENNA AND TO THE ARRIVAL IN ANKARA OF NATO SEC GEN LUNS.

2. STORIES ON THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS FOCUSED ON STATEMENT BY UN SEC GEN WALDHEIM, WHO REPORTEDLY SAID HE WAS HOPEFUL ABOUT A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS QUESTION, AND A COMMENT BY ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS, WHO REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ABOUT THE OUTCOME.

3. SEVERAL PAPERS, INCLUDING MILLIYET, GAVE TOP FRONT UNCLASSIFIED

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PAGE PLAY TO A STATEMENT SUNDAY BY SEC GEN LUNS THAT THE ALLIES

HAD REACTED UNFAVORABLY TO THE U.S. ARMS EMBARGO ON TURKEY. LUNS REPORTEDLY DECLARED THAT THE "WEAKENING OF TURKEY IN THE ALLIANCE MEANS THE WEAKENING OF THE ALLIANCE AND EVEN THE U.S." WITH RESPECT TO THE EMBARGO, LUNS ASKED "WILL THE PARLIAMENT OR THE GOVERNMENT OF A COUNTRY RUN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THAT COUNTRY?" LUNS ALSO REPORTEDLY NOTED THAT SOME OTHER NATO ALLIES ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ARMS TO TURKEY.

4. ACCORDING TO LEFT-LIBERAL CUMHURIYET, OFFICIALS OF THE DEMIREL GOVERNMENT WHO TALKED TO SEC GEN LUNS AT THE BILDERBERG CONFERENCE REACTED POSITIVELY TO SUGGESTIONS THAT HE MIGHT PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN HELPING SETTLE GRECO-TURKISH DISPUTES. CUMHURIYET ALSO REPORTED THAT RPP CHAIRMAN BULENT ECEVIT HAD SHARPLY CRITICIZED THE SUGGESTION THAT NATO TAKE A DIRECT ROLE IN THE CYPRUS QUESTION.

5. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THE INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, HURRIYET, TURKEY'S LARGEST DAILY, EXPRESSED SKEPTICISM ABOUT HOW EVEN-HANDED SEC GEN WALDHEIM COULD BE IN VIENNA IN LIGHT OF UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAD NOT FAVORED THE TURKISH VIEWPOINT. THE EDITORIAL DECLARED THAT TURKEY WOULD NOT AGREE TO A WITHDRAWAL OF HER TROOPS BEFORE A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT IS REACHED.

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